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**"The END of
SUPERMAN'S
SECRET IDENTITY!"**

SUPERGIRL!
WHY DID YOU BETRAY
ME? I'LL NEVER
FORGIVE YOU!

SEE, PERRY! WE'VE CAUGHT
HIM RED-HANDED! CLARK KENT
HAS BEEN PRETENDING TO BE
MEEK AND COWARDLY FOR
YEARS--TO COVER UP THE
FACT THAT **HE IS
SUPERMAN!**



Are YOU a Good Neighbor?



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SUPERMAN

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HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DOUBLE-CROSSED BY A FRIEND? HAVE YOU KNOWN THE HEARTBREAK OF BEING BETRAYED BY SOMEONE YOU TRUSTED? THEN THINK OF HOW MUCH WORSE IT WOULD BE IF ALL YOUR LOVED ONES TURNED THEIR BACKS ON YOU! THAT'S THE TRAGIC TORMENT THE MIGHTY SUPERMAN MUST FACE AS HIS MOST TRUSTWORTHY PALS BRING ABOUT--

The END of CLARK KENT'S SECRET IDENTITY!

SUPERMAN, WE'VE DISCOVERED YOUR CLARK KENT MASQUERADE! WE'LL REVEAL YOUR SECRET UNLESS YOU DO OUR BIDDING! -- I WANT \$1,000,000 IN COLD CASH!

I ORDER YOU TO MAKE ME THE KING OF BARDONIA! OR ELSE --

AND I DEMAND THAT YOU GET RID OF MY RIVAL, LANA LANG, FOREVER!

PERRY -- JIMMY -- LOIS... MY BEST FRIENDS, BLACKMAILING ME! IT'S LIKE A HIDEOUS NIGHTMARE!

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ONE DAY, AS **SUPERMAN** COMPLETES AN IMPORTANT MISSION...

WHEW!! WITH **SUPERGIRL** AWAY ON A DISTANT PLANET, I'VE HAD TO HANDLE HER PATROLS, TOO! BUT NOW TO RELAX IN MY EVERYDAY IDENTITY AS **CLARK KENT**, **DAILY PLANET REPORTER**!



BUT AS **SUPERMAN** SWITCHES IDENTITY IN THE **PLANET** FILE ROOM, SUDDENLY...

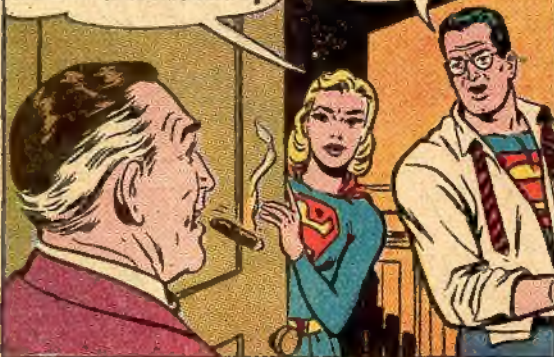
SUPERGIRL!! QUICK, SHUT THAT DOOR BEFORE SOMEONE SPOTS ME!... I THOUGHT YOU WERE AWAY ON ANOTHER PLANET!

I... I WAS! BUT I CAME BACK... JUST IN TIME TO EXPOSE YOU!



SEE, PERRY? FOR YEARS THAT PHONEY, **CLARK KENT**, HAS POSED AS A REPORTER, A TIMID WEAKLING! AND ALL THE TIME HE WAS THE MIGHTY **SUPERMAN**!

GREAT KRYPTON! **SUPERGIRL**, HAVE YOU LOST YOUR SENSES? GASP!! YOUR BETRAYAL HAS RUINED MY CAREER!



SUPERMAN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAME OVER ME! KEEPING YOUR IDENTITY A SECRET IS VITAL TO THE WHOLE WORLD!

I'LL NEVER REVEAL IT, BELIEVE ME!

QUIET! SOMEONE'S COMING!



A PACKAGE FOR **SUPERGIRL**, CARE OF THE **PLANET**. I'LL SIGN FOR IT!

FOR ME? I WONDER WHAT'S INSIDE?



IT'S FROM THE **NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR**! THEY'RE GOING TO DISPLAY A STATUE OF **SUPERMAN** IN THE WAX MUSEUM EXHIBIT THERE. THEY WANT MY STATUE TO STAND BESIDE YOURS AND SENT THIS MODEL FOR MY APPROVAL!

LATER, **SUPERGIRL**! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU, PRIVATELY!





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SOON, IN THE FILE ROOM...

SUPERGIRL, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THIS DOUBLE-CROSS! DO YOU REALIZE THE HARM YOU'VE DONE? WHY? WHY? WHY?

CHOKE! I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT! I... I MUST HAVE BLACKED OUT! THERE'S JUST ONE WAY TO MAKE IT UP! STAY THERE, WHILE I STEP BEHIND THESE FILES!



MOMENTS LATER...

I'VE SWITCHED TO MY LINDA LEE DANVERS COSTUME! NOW, I'LL REVEAL **MY** SECRET IDENTITY TO PERRY WHITE! THAT SHOULD EVEN THINGS!

NO! REVEALING ME AS CLARK KENT WAS BAD ENOUGH! REVEALING **YOUR** IDENTITY WON'T HELP THINGS! SLIP OUT OF THIS SIDE DOOR BEFORE YOU'RE NOTICED!



BUT AS CLARK EMERGES FROM THE FILE ROOM...

CLARK! I HOPE YOU... AH... STRAIGHTENED THINGS OUT WITH **SUPERGIRL**! BY THE WAY, WHO WAS THAT YOUNG GIRL I JUST SAW YOU WITH?

ER--THAT'S LINDA DANVERS FROM MIDVALE! SHE ADMIRES MY ARTICLES AND ASKED FOR AN AUTOGRAPH!



I MUST COVER UP FOR LINDA, OR HE'LL GUESS SHE'S **SUPERGIRL**!

STILL JITTERY? RELAX, PAL! YOUR SECRET IS SAFE WITH ME! AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, YOU'RE **STILL** CLARK KENT, THE NAMBY-PAMBY REPORTER WHO'S AFRAID OF HIS OWN SHADOW!



CHOKE! PERRY, YOU'RE A REAL FRIEND!

THANK HEAVENS FOR THIS LOYALTY! LET'S HOPE NO ONE ELSE DISCOVERS MY OTHER IDENTITY!

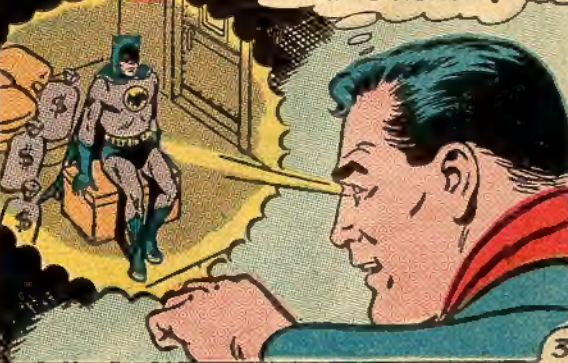
BUT THE NEXT DAY, AS **SUPERMAN** PATROLS NEARBY GOTHAM CITY...

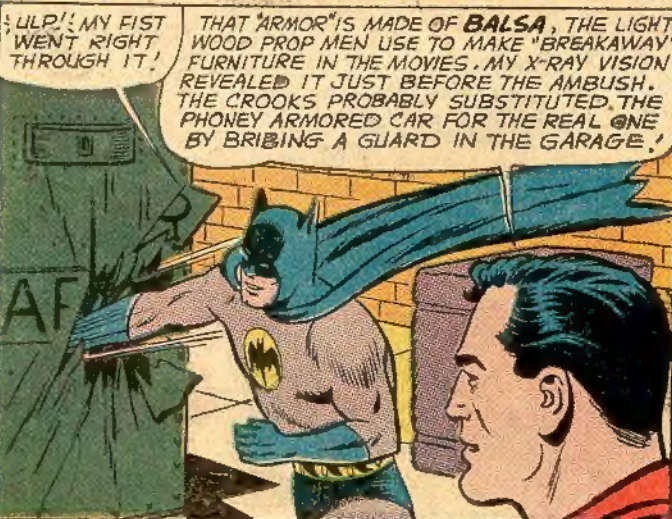
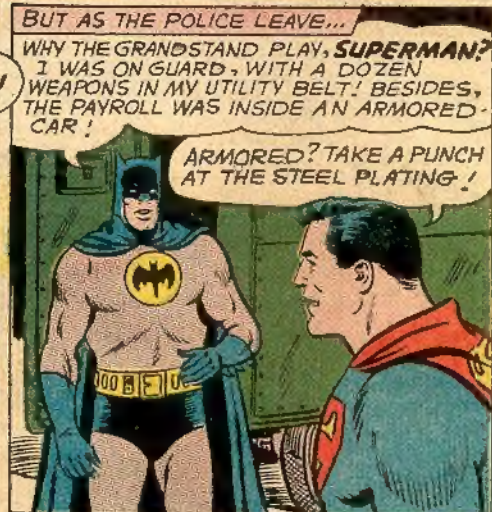
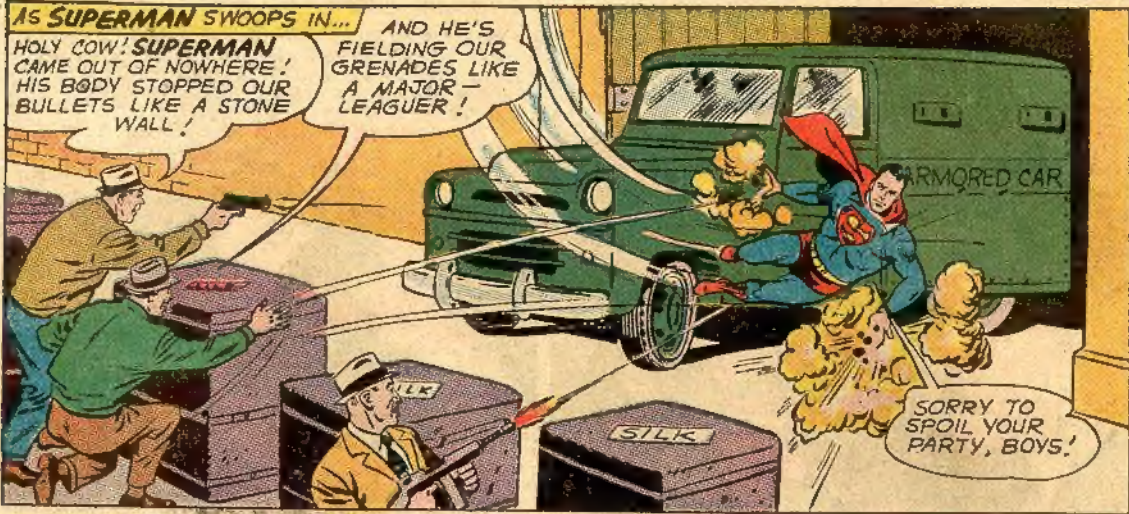
AN ARMED GANG, LYING IN AMBUSH! THEY MUST BE PLANNING SOME VICIOUS CRIME!



SECONDS LATER...

I GET IT! AN ARMORED CAR, WITH A SHIPMENT OF CURRENCY! IT'S PROBABLY THE PAYROLL FOR THAT SILK FACTORY AND MY FRIEND **BATMAN** IS GUARDING IT-- OH-OH! I'D BETTER GO INTO ACTION!





PRESENTLY, IN A DESERTED ALLEY NEARBY, LOIS GETS THE STORY...

--AND THEN, AFTER STOPPING THE BULLETS AND GRENADES, **SUPER-MAN** ROUNDED UP THE GANG? THANKS FOR THE SCOOP, BOYS!

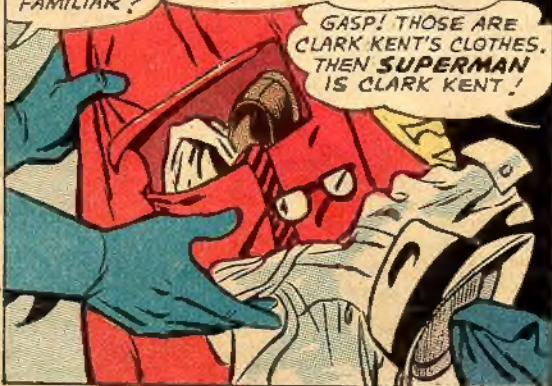
WAIT, LOIS! I HAVE AN EVEN BIGGER STORY FOR YOU -- PERHAPS THE GREATEST SCOOP OF YOUR CAREER.



IN THE NEXT STARTLING INSTANT...

HERE, LOOK AT WHAT **SUPERMAN** IS CARRYING IN THE SECRET POUCH OF HIS CAPE! GLASSES... HAT... SHOES, AND A SUIT MADE OF SUPER-COMPRESSIBLE MATERIAL! DOES IT LOOK FAMILIAR?

GASP! THOSE ARE CLARK KENT'S CLOTHES. THEN **SUPERMAN** IS CLARK KENT!



BATMAN! YOU'RE MY FRIEND! HOW COULD YOU BETRAY MY IDENTITY... AFTER ALL THE VITAL MISSIONS WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER?

I-I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT! IT WAS A SUDDEN, UNCONTROLLABLE IMPULSE. YOU KNOW I'D NEVER DO ANYTHING LIKE THIS IN MY RIGHT MIND!



SUPERMAN! YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU! YOU CAN TRUST ME! I'LL NEVER BETRAY YOUR SECRET! I'LL GUARD IT WITH MY LIFE!

THANKS, LOIS! I KNOW I CAN DEPEND ON YOUR SILENCE!

SHE SOUNDS SINCERE! BUT CAN SHE KEEP THAT SECRET?



AND AS **SUPERMAN** CONTINUES HIS PATROL...

FIRST **SUPERGIRL** BETRAYED ME! AND NOW **BATMAN!** CAN'T I TRUST ANYONE? HMM... I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY MEANT TO DO IT. IT'S PROBABLY JUST A WEIRD COINCIDENCE!



A COINCIDENCE? WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT, **SUPERMAN!**

LATER, AT THE **DAILY PLANET**...

AND NOW A NEWS BULLETIN! THE **SS VICTORY** REPORTS A PIRATE RAID OFF CANADA! THE RAIDERS ESCAPED IN A SMALL SUBMARINE!

THE **PIRATE GANG!** THEY'VE BEEN ATTACKING SHIPS FOR WEEKS! CLARK-JIMMY! TAKE THE HELICOPTER AND TRACK THEM DOWN!

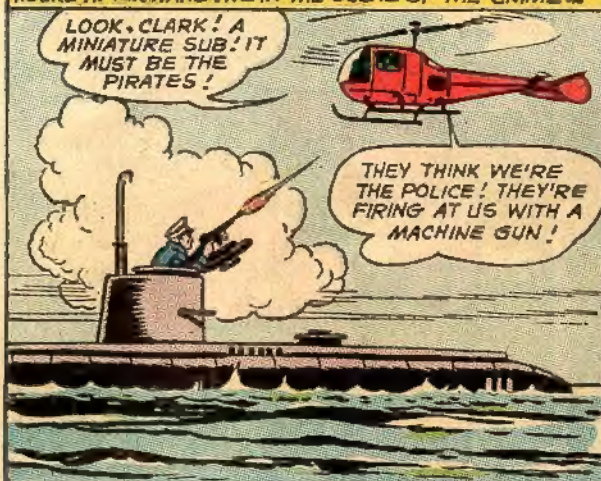




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HOURS AFTERWARD, NEAR THE SCENE OF THE CRIME...



YIIII! THEY'VE PUNCTURED OUR FUEL TANK! QUICK, JIMMY, FIND A PLACE TO LAND BEFORE WE CRASH!



AFTER JIMMY LANDS ON A SNOW-COVERED BEACH...



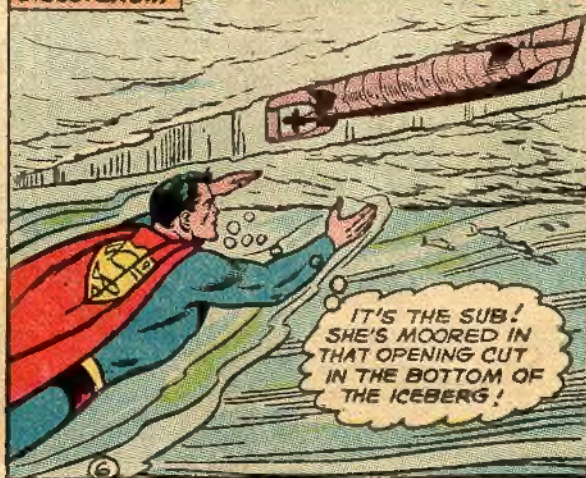
BUT AS CLARK REACHES THE DISTANT RIDGE, HE MAKES A LIGHTNING-SWIFT CHANGE TO **SUPERMAN**... NOW TO PUT



SOON, OVER THE OCEAN...



PLUNGING DEEP BENEATH THE BERG, **SUPERMAN** DISCOVERS...





EMERGING, THE **MAN OF STEEL** BEHOLDS A FANTASTIC SCENE...

GREAT KRYPTON! A SECRET SUBMARINE BASE CARVED IN THE HEART OF THIS BERG! WAREHOUSES, RADAR DETECTORS, DORMITORIES! THESE PIRATES HAVE ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME! NO WONDER THEY COULDN'T BE TRACKED DOWN!



SUPERMAN FINDS THE CULPRITS ENJOYING A MOVIE...

SORRY, BOYS, BUT THE SHOW IS OVER!

EEEEYAH!
IT'S **SUPERMAN!**
WE'RE COOKED!



SOON, AS THE PIRATES ARE TURNED OVER TO THE COAST GUARD...

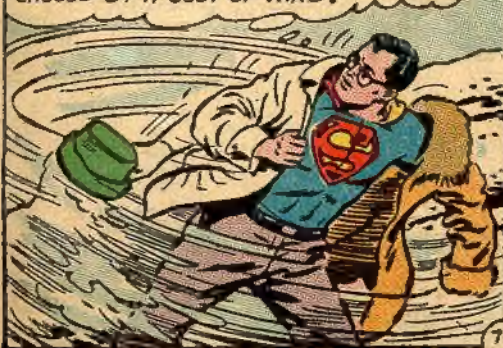
GREAT WORK, SUPERMAN! THANKS TO YOU, THE SEA-LANES ARE SAFE AGAIN!

THESE RATS WON'T MISS THEIR ICEBERG, CAPTAIN, AS SOON AS THEY BRING THEIR LOOT ABOARD, YOU CAN LOCK THEM UP IN THE PRISON "COOLER"!



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, SUPERMAN STREAKS BACK TO THE SNOWY RIDGE, AND...

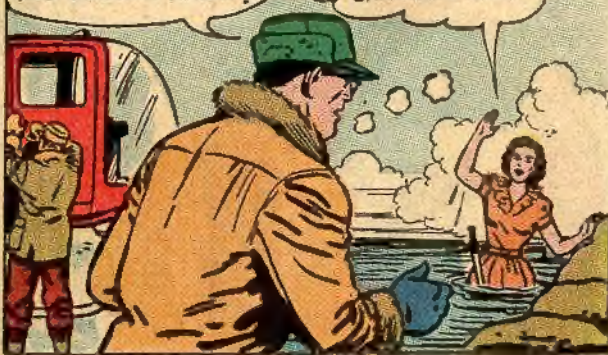
I'LL SLIP BACK INTO MY CLARK KENT DUDS WHILE WHIRLING AT SUPER-SPEED. THE RESULTING SNOW FLURRY WILL MASK MY MOVEMENTS! JIMMY WILL THINK IT WAS CAUSED BY A GUST OF WIND.



BUT AS CLARK REJOINS JIMMY, SUDDENLY...

HEY! IT'S **LORI THE MERMAID!** LORI. WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THIS REMOTE SPOT? AND SINCE WHEN DO YOU CARRY A KNIFE?

IT'S JUST A SOUVENIR I FOUND IN AN OLD WRECK! COME HERE, CLARK! THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO SHOW JIMMY! AND YOU CAN HELP ME!



BUT TO CLARK'S AMAZEMENT, LORI LASHES OUT AS HE HEARS THE WATER...

LOOK, JIMMY! CLARK'S BODY TURNED ASIDE MY KNIFE, AND BENT THE BLADE! THEN CLARK IS SUPERMAN!



LORI! I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES! YOU WERE ONE OF MY MOST TRUSTED FRIENDS! WE WERE EVEN SWEETHEARTS ONCE! HOW COULD YOU?

SOMETHING MADE ME DO IT! I CAN'T EXPLAIN! OH, SUPERMAN, I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF FOR THIS BETRAYAL!



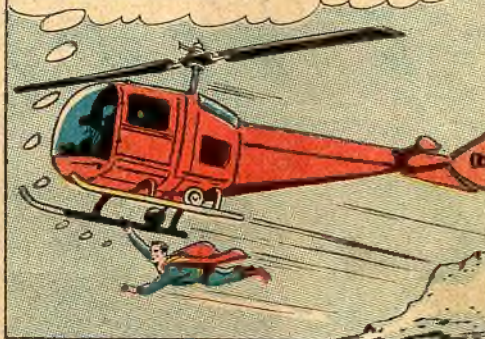
DON'T BE ANGRY WITH LORI! I'M SURE SHE DIDN'T MEAN TO DOUBLE-CROSS YOU! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME KNOWING YOUR SECRET, SUPERMAN! I'M YOUR BEST PAL! I'LL NEVER REVEAL YOUR IDENTITY!

JIMMY! CHOKES! YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LOYAL TO ME! I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON! SUDDENLY MY MOST TRUSTED ALLIES ARE RUINING MY CAREER!



BAFFLED, SUPERMAN FLIES JIMMY HOME...

I DON'T GET IT! WHY SHOULD SUPERGIRL, BATMAN AND LORI BLURT OUT MY IDENTITY? WERE THEY HYPNOTIZED BY ONE OF MY ARCH-ENEMIES! HMM... HYPNOSIS... THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA FOR A WAY TO HIDE MY IDENTITY AGAIN BEFORE THE WHOLE WORLD DISCOVERS IT!



THE NEXT DAY, SUPERMAN SUMMONS THE PLANET STAFF TO AN ISOLATED LABORATORY OCCASIONALLY USED BY PROFESSOR POTTER...

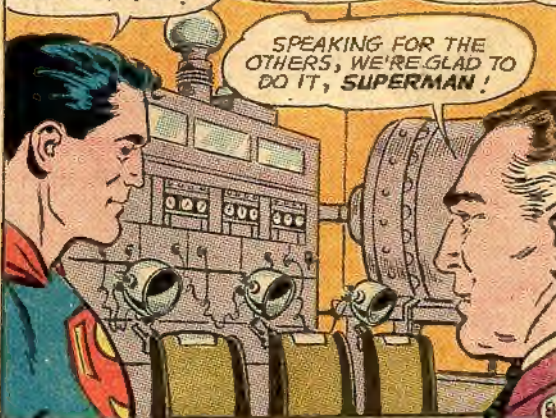
I CALLED YOU HERE BECAUSE EACH OF YOU KNOWS MY IDENTITY!

BUT I THOUGHT...

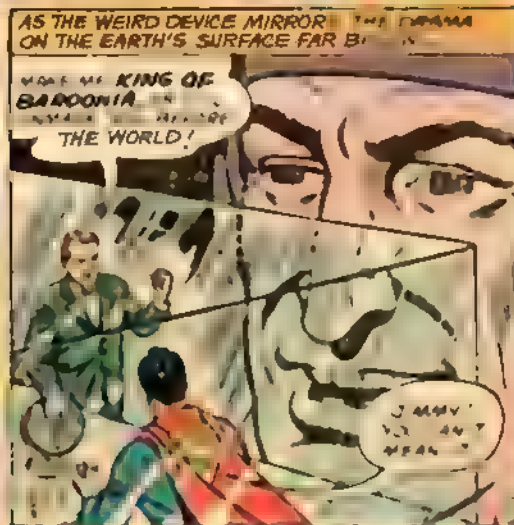
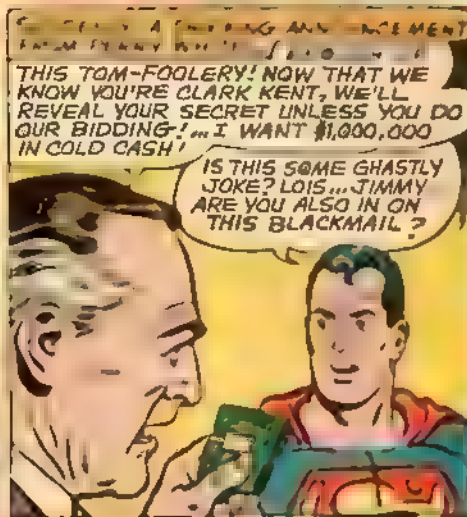
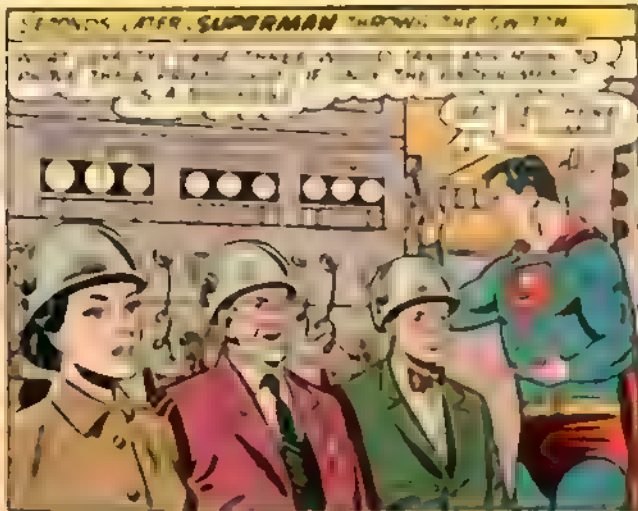
GASP! I DIDN'T DREAM ALL OF US KNOW YOUR SECRET. WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?



I HAVE ONE SOLUTION! I'VE BUILT THIS BRAIN-WASHING MACHINE, WHICH CAN ERASE MY SECRET FROM YOUR MEMORIES. BUT, IT MAY ALSO ERASE OTHER RECOLLECTIONS! WILL YOU ALLOW ME TO USE IT ON YOU?



SPEAKING FOR THE OTHERS, WE'RE GLAD TO DO IT, SUPERMAN!





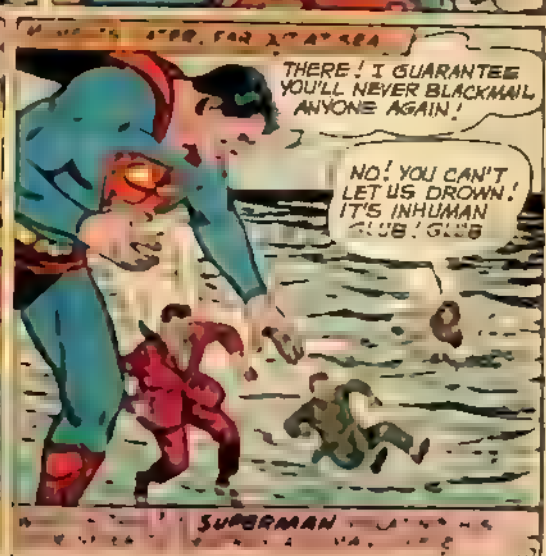
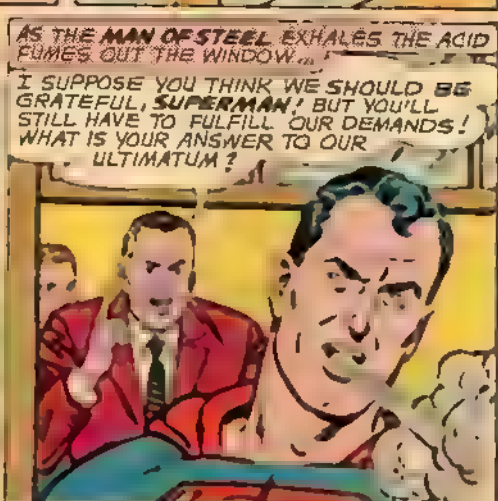
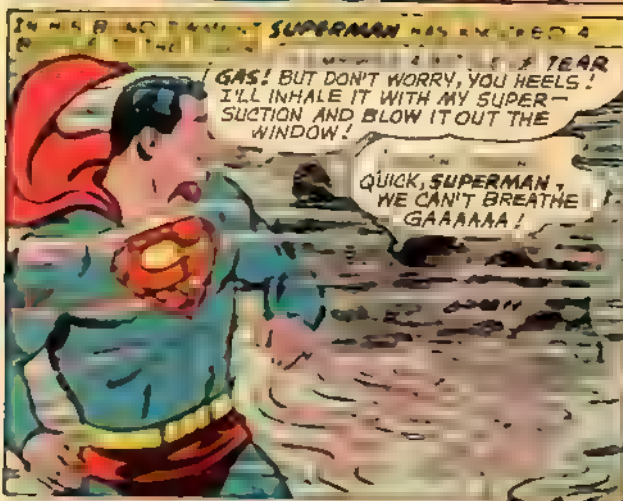
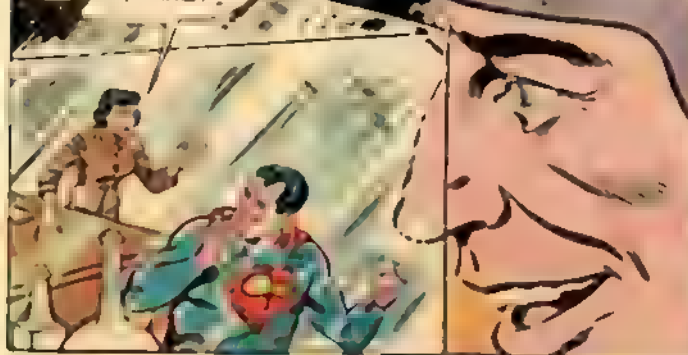
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AH! A PHOTO OF LANA LANG, PROFESSOR POTTER'S NIECE, AND MY NUMBER ONE RIVAL FOR YOUR LOVE! **SUPERMAN**, I DEMAND THAT YOU MAROON HER FOREVER ON SOME DISTANT, DESERTED PLANET!

HA, HA! LOOK AT HIM **SUPERMAN** BETRAYE REALLY FLIP IF HE KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON!

MEANWHILE, IN THE LAB, **SUPERMAN** IS IN A LIVING NIGHTMARE... THIS IS HORRIBLE! THE SHOCK TREATMENT TURNED THEM ALL EVIL! IT'S MY FAULT! GROAN!!





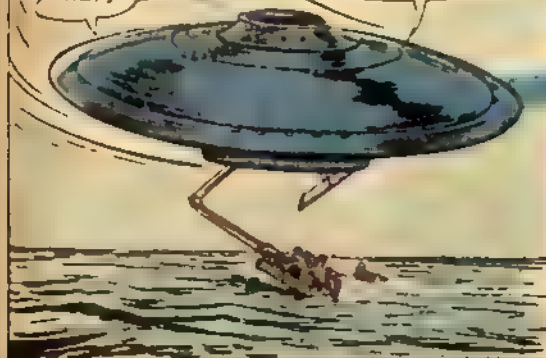
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BUT EVEN AS SUPERMAN LEAVES, A HUGE SPACE-SHIP SWOOPS FROM THE SKY, AND...

WE'RE IN POSITION! LOWER THE RETRIEVER NET!

CAREFUL! I WANT THOSE CREATURES UNHARMED!



PRESENTLY, AS SUPERMAN'S VICTIMS ENTER THE SPACESHIP...

SOMETHING WENT WRONG! JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT WE HAD BROKEN SUPERMAN'S SPIRIT, SUDDENLY HE WENT BERSERK AND SPOILED THE FUN!

INCREDIBLE! IT'S AGAINST SUPERMAN'S CODE TO KILL, YET HE WAS READY TO MURDER HIS FRIENDS!



WE FAILED--AND AFTER THE TROUBLE WE TOOK TO CAPTURE SUPERMAN'S REAL FRIENDS, AND PUT THEM IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION, IN A CAVE UNDER METROPOLIS!

SUPERMAN COULDN'T HAVE DETECTED THAT ALL THESE FRIENDS OF HIS ARE ARTIFICIAL ANDROIDS! AFTER ALL, THEY WERE CREATED BY ME--THE ANDROID MASTER!



ATTENTION, REVENGE SQUAD! THIS IS SUPERMAN TALKING VIA SUPER-VENTRILLOQUISM! I SPOTTED YOU WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION!... YOU'RE WRONG! I DID KNOW ABOUT THOSE ANDROIDS! HA, HA!



*THEY GAVE THEMSELVES AWAY WHEN THAT TEAR GAS FLOODED THE LAB!...

ODD! THEY SEEM TO BE CHOKING, BUT NOT ONE OF THEM IS SHEDDING A TEAR! WAIT, I HAVE IT! THEY'RE NOT HUMAN! THEY MUST BE ANDROIDS--BECAUSE ANDROIDS CAN'T CRY! THEY'RE FAKING COUGHING--BUT THEY CAN'T FAKE TEARS!

COUGH!

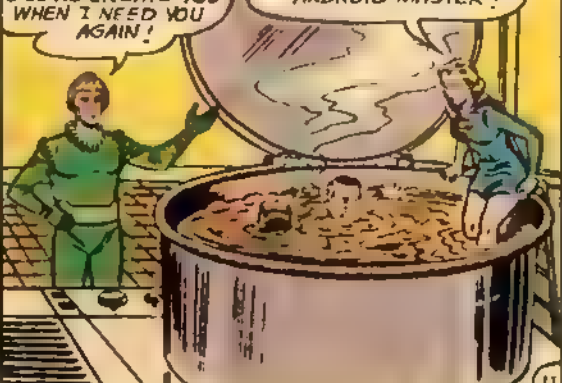
COUGH!



EVEN AS SUPERMAN'S VOICE FADERS AWAY...

BAH! FOILED AGAIN! ALL RIGHT, ANDROIDS, BACK INTO THE DISSOLVING VATS! I'LL RE-CREATE YOU WHEN I NEED YOU AGAIN!

IT IS GOOD TO MERGE WITH THE PLASMIC FLUID AGAIN! WE'LL TRY TO DO BETTER NEXT TIME, ANDROID MASTER!



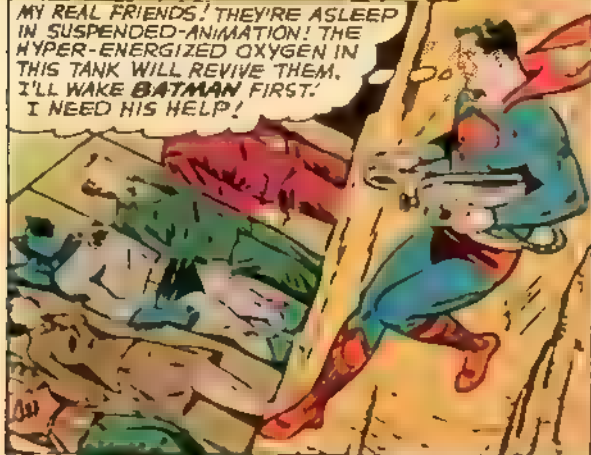


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BACK ON EARTH, SUPERMAN'S X-RAY VISION HAS LOCATED THE PRISON CAVERN, AND NOW...

MY REAL FRIENDS! THEY'RE ASLEEP IN SUSPENDED-ANIMATION! THE HYPER-ENERGIZED OXYGEN IN THIS TANK WILL REVIVE THEM. I'LL WAKE BATMAN FIRST! I NEED HIS HELP!



AFTER BATMAN REVIVES, SUPERMAN SWITCHES TO CLARK KENT, AND...

I GET... SUPERMAN! I'M TO ANSWER THE OTHERS AND THEN WOE THE TANK WHEN THEY SEE THEY'LL SEE YOU AS CLARK KENT AND NOT THE EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS

I EXPECT! BUT, AS PART OF MY PLAN I'LL SEND JIMMY'S SIGNAL-BATMAN BACK ON HIS WREST!

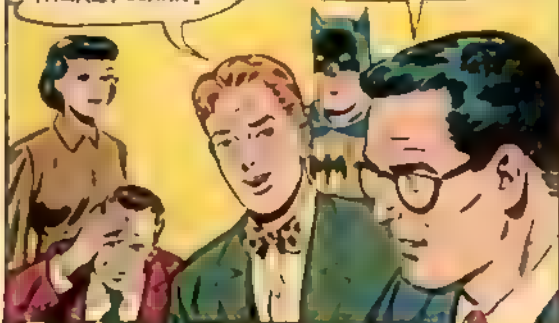
I SALVAGED IT WHEN THE AIR... I GAVE... METAL... THEY CARRIED!



SOON, AS THE OXYGEN TAKES EFFECT...

UH...WHERE ARE WE? WE'RE TRAPPED IN SOME CAVE. THE LAST I REMEMBER IS A GAS BOY... SLEEPING IN THE PLANET... BUT YOU WEREN'T THERE, CLARK!

IN THEY'S... WITH ANXIA... TOO. WHILE I WAS OUT ON A STAY... JIMMY, IT'S SOME VIOLENCE... USE YOUR SIGNAL-WATCH AND CALL SUPERMAN!



BUT WHEN THE SUPER-ONE CALL IS ANSWERED...

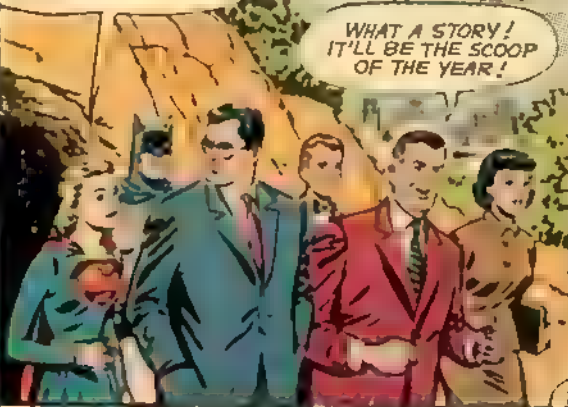
JIMMY--IT'S ME, SUPERGIRL! SUPERMAN'S ON A MISSION. HE ASKED ME TO INTERCEPT ALL HIS MESSAGES AND HANDLE ALL EMERGENCIES FOR HIM.

THAT'S NO LIE! SHE'S THE REAL SUPERGIRL! SHE RETURNED TO EARTH... I ENTERED THE CAVE! I WANTED TO HELP A SUPER-POWERFUL MAN AND I GOT A FARE-NO RESCUE WITH HER!



LATER, AFTER EMERGING FROM THE CAVERN...

SUPERMAN... THE REVENGE SQUAD THAT HAD KIDNAPPED YOU! THEY WERE HOLDING YOU AS HOSTAGES TO FORCE HIM TO DO THEIR WILL, BUT THE SCHEME FAILED.

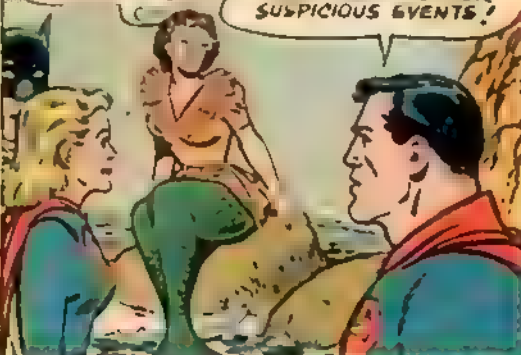


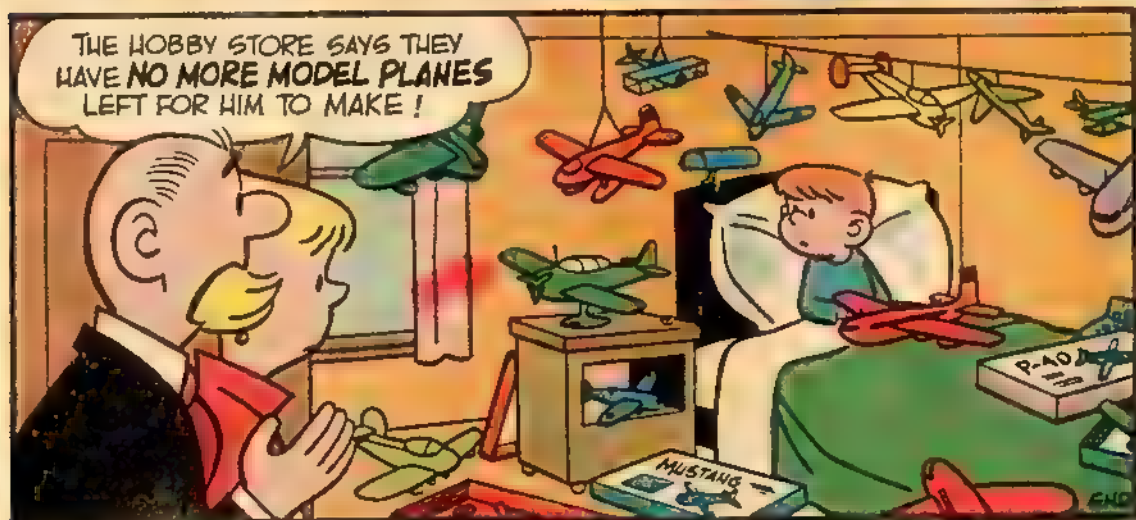
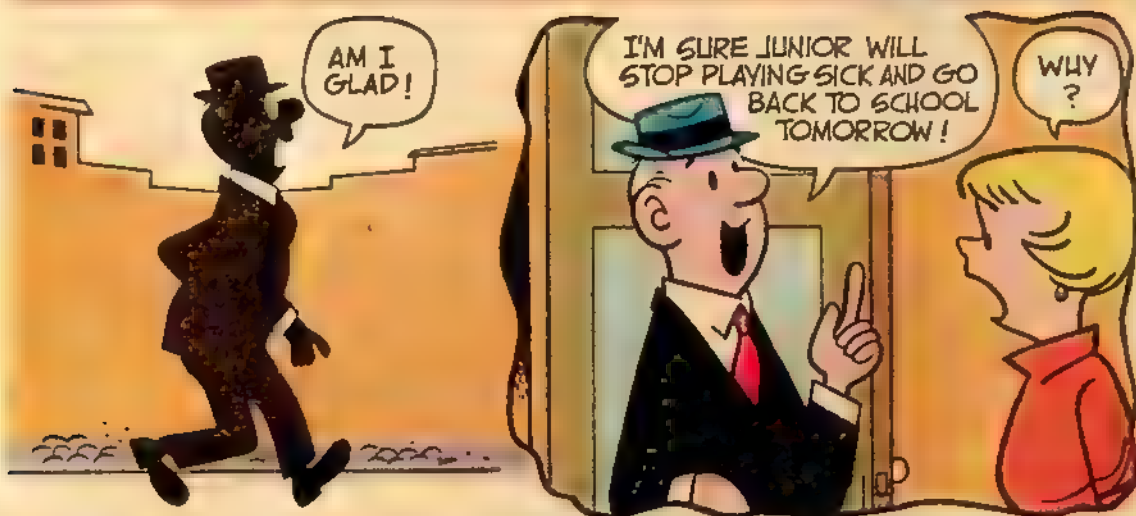
WHAT A STORY! IT'LL BE THE SCOOP OF THE YEAR!

BUT AFTERWARD, WHEN SUPERMAN AND HIS COLLEAGUES ARE ALONE...

BUT WHEN DID YOU FIRST MEET THE... WE'RE HERE... BY OUR ANDROID DOUBLES?

THE TEAR GAS PROVED THAT THE PLANET... THAT MADE ME THINK HARD ABOUT OTHER SUSPICIOUS EVENTS!



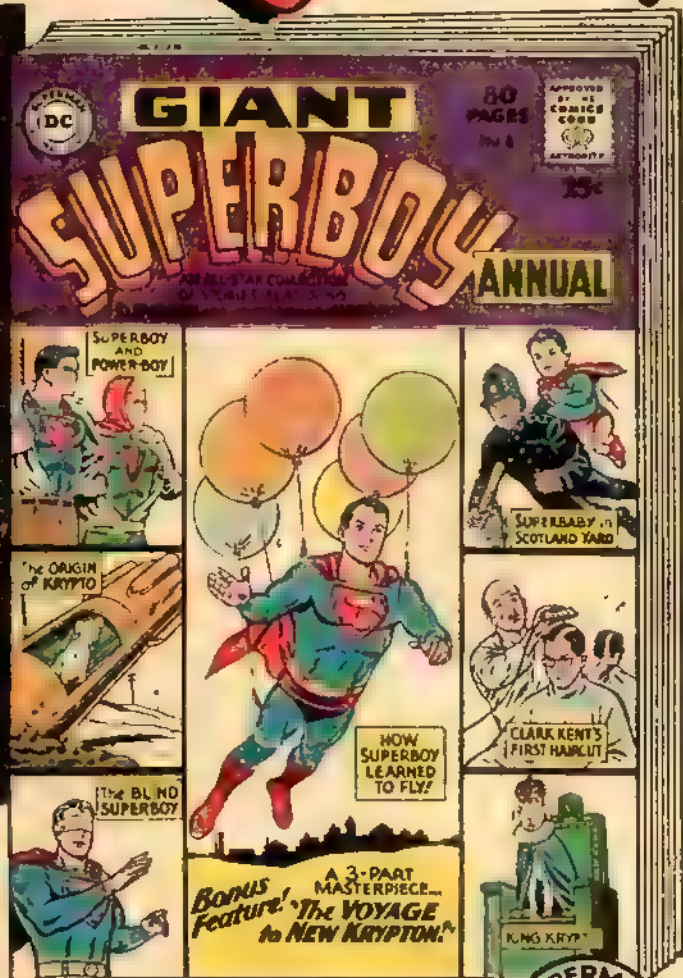


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Dear Editor: I think I've detected an error in the story, "The Secret of Kryptonite Six." On Page 8, Panel 4, you show Jax-Ur breaking off a piece of Jewel Kryptonite with his bare hands. If Jax-Ur was unable to break the Jewel "K" with his bare hands on Krypton, why is he able to under Earth's yellow sun, where it would become super, too, and thus still be harder than his hand? —Jerry Sears, Spokane, Wash.

(The extreme cold of space had made this particular type of Kryptonite brittle. In other words, that's the way the Kryptonite crumbles. Ed.)

Dear Editor: In the story, "The Superman-Spectacular", you have President Kennedy disguised as Clark Kent. This is a neat stunt, but if President Kennedy impersonated Clark Kent, wouldn't Lois and Lana have noticed his Boston accent? —Betsy Amself, Somerville, N. J. (Superman spoke for the disguised "Clark Kent" via his super-ventriloquism.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: At the end of the story, "Supergirl's Wedding Day", you mention Supergirl's admirers as being Ferro, Dick Malverne and Biron (he is really Super-Horse.) Has Supergirl forgotten BRAINIAC 5, or have you? In my opinion Brainiac 5 is the best of her boyfriends. Are we ever going to see them together again? —Cheryl Duncan, Batavia, Ohio

(Far be it for us to interfere with Brainiac 5's chances of courting Supergirl. You'll find their romance continued in a future issue of ACTION COMICS. However, we warn you now that her other suitors will afford him great competition. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: In ACTION COMICS No. 300, "The Return of Super-Horse", Page 10, Panel 1, Supergirl remarked: "What Comet told them was the actual story of his origin." Doesn't that mean that Supergirl knows that Comet was once a centaur? —John Salvagno, Bklyn., N. Y. (Right. But she doesn't know that whenever he is in the vicinity of a comet, he becomes a normal human again, usually "Bronco" Bill—and that is the secret he is keeping from her. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: In your January issue, No. 308, you stated that, before it was reduced in size by BRAINIAC, the city of Kandor was the capital

of Krypton. However, in another story, you designated Kryptonopolis as the capital. Please inform me which of the two cities is the capital.

—B. Andrew, San Carlos, Calif.

(Unlike Earth, Krypton has "twin" capitals. Therefore, both are correct.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Your story, "The Untold Story of Argo City", and its sequel, were just too great for words. You really have a great staff. Now that Zor-El and Allura are out of the "Survival Zone", and safely ensconced in Kandor, do you think it would be possible that they could have another child? Such a development would trigger off some great stories. Keep up the good work! —Ann Matos, New York City, N. Y.

(As to whether Allura and Zor-El will again hear the patter of little feet, you'll have to ask a Kwerri. That's the Kryptonian version of a stork.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Great Krypton! The February issues of your Superman "family" of comics certainly packed a number of surprises! First of all, in SUPERMAN Magazine you revealed that the villain, Brainiac, has always been a computer. In ADVENTURE, you had Lightning Lass lose her power and gain a new one—making her Light Lass. In addition, you also established a new feature in ADVENTURE . . . the "Hall of Fame" Classic series. And to top it all, in ACTION you dropped a bombshell by showing us that Supergirl's parents are still alive. —Robert L. Durr, Greentown, Ind.

(That's us . . . something new all the time! —Ed.)

Dear Editor: What ever happened to Streaky, the super-cat who was Supergirl's pet? Is he in the Phantom Zone? Please bring him back, 'cause I miss him. —Goldie Farrow, Passaic, N. J. (You'll find Streaky very active in the July issue of ADVENTURE, where he appears in a full-length novel with other members of the Legion of Super-Pets.—Ed.)

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SUPERGIRL

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THE JUNGLE PRINCESS AND
HER ANIMALS TO HOLD UP THE
COLLAPSING OBSERVATION
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THAT GIRL HAS AMAZING CONTROL
OVER THOSE JUNGLE BEASTS! SHE
AND SHE RESEMBLES MY FRIEND,
LENA THORUL

PRINCESS?

THE WORLD HAS LONG
KNOWN OF SUPERGIRL'S
ASTONISHING SUPER-POWERS! BUT
NOT EVEN THE MAID OF STEEL CAN
MATCH THE AMAZING SUPER-ABILITY OF
LENA THORUL. LENA'S FANTASTIC E.S.P.
MENTAL POWERS HAVE OFTEN AIDED
SUPERGIRL IN HER CAMPAIGN AGAINST CRIME

TERRIBLE SECRET BURIED IN HER PAST! AND
SO BEGINS A WEIRD, HAIR-RAISING ADVENTURE
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LENA THORUL, JUNGLE PRINCESS!

SUPERGIRL VISITS HER FRIEND, LENA THORUL

IT'S A MAJAN LINDA
THAT A LENA THORUL
MAJAN LINDA

IS ONE ABILITY EVEN
I DON'T HAVE!

WHILE THEY CHECK MY
RECORD, THE F.B.I. WANTS
ME TO DO A PAPER ON
CRIMINOLOGY. I'M TO
INTERVIEW SEVERAL
NOTORIOUS CONVICTS,
STARTING WITH
LEX LUTHOR!

COULD MEAN
TROUBLE! LENA
IS ACTUALLY LUTHOR'S
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HER FROM DISGRACE!



MEANWHILE, IN METROPOLIS PRISON...

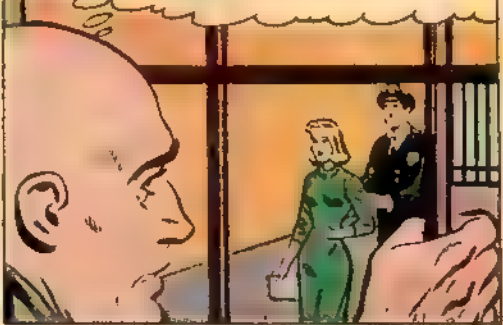
WHILE LUTHOR IS SETTING UP THAT ROOFTOP GARDEN WITH THE WARDEN'S PERMISSION, WE'LL PLANT THESE MICROPHONES IN HIS CELL. THAT WAY WE CAN LISTEN IN WHEN LENA INTERVIEWS HIM!

SUPERSGIRL RECOMMENDED LENA FOR OUR F.B.I., BUT SHE MAY BE WORKING SECRETLY WITH HER BROTHER. THIS WAY WE'LL CHECK!



BUT THE PRISON GRAPEVINE HAS ALERTED LUTHOR TO THE COMING INTERVIEW...

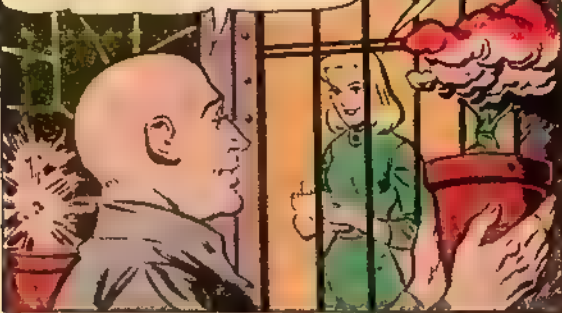
LENA... MY KID SISTER! GROAN! HOW CAN I MEET HER FACE TO FACE WITHOUT REVEALING MY TERRIBLE SECRET? I MUST GUARD MY EVERY THOUGHT AGAINST HER E.S.P. POWERS, SO THAT SHE NEVER LEARNS I'M HER BROTHER!



AS THE INTERVIEW BEGINS...

YES, MISS, I'VE GIVEN UP MY CAREER OF CRIME. I'M DEVOTING THE REST OF MY LIFE TO RAISING THESE RARE PLANT MUTATIONS! THEY CALL ME THE "PLANT MAN OF METROPOLIS PRISON".

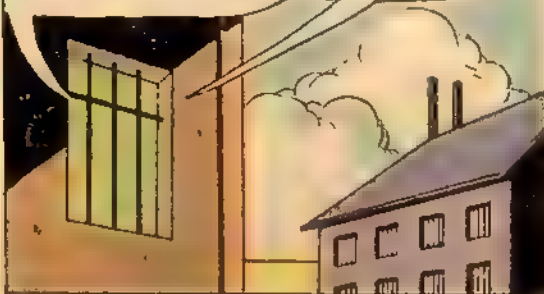
LIKE THE FAMED "BIROMAN OF ALCATRAZ"? I SEE, NOW, TELL ME ABOUT YOUR CRIMINAL PAST!



LUTHOR REVIEWS HIS EVIL RECORD, BLANKING OUT ALL MEMORIES CONCERNING LENA...

AND SO, BACK WHEN SUPERMAN WAS SUPERBOY, HE CAUSED ME TO LOSE MY HAIR! RESENTMENT TURNED ME AGAINST ALL HE STOOD FOR. I BECAME EVIL.

AND HOW DID YOUR CRIMINAL ACTS AFFECT YOUR BROTHERS AND YOUR SISTERS?



AS LENA'S QUESTIONS STRIKE HOME, LUTHOR DROPS HIS MENTAL GUARD...

BROTHERS? SISTERS?... ER... I WAS AN ONLY CHILD!

HE'S LYING! MY E.S.P. POWERS SENSE IT! HIS THOUGHTS ARE CONCENTRATING ON ME! WHY?

WHY DID SHE ASK THAT? IS THIS A TRAP? DOES SHE KNOW SHE'S MY SISTER?



THERE'S SOMETHING BETWEEN US! A SECRET YOU'RE TRYING TO HIDE! WAIT! I SENSE IT NOW! I'M YOUR SISTER!

HEAVEN HELP ME! I CAN'T HOLD BACK THE TRUTH ANY LONGER! YES, LENA... YOU'RE MY SISTER... MY OWN FLESH AND BLOOD!



"LONG YEARS AGO, AS A TOT, YOU ALWAYS PLAYED IN MY LABORATORY. I STILL REMEMBER HOW YOU GAINED YOUR POWERS OF E.S.P."

LENA, DON'T TOUCH THAT SPACE-BRAIN. WATCH OUT!



LENA WAS UNHARMED, BUT THE ELECTRIC CHARGE FROM THE WEIRD BRAIN GAVE HER AMAZING-MENTAL POWERS!

"BUT AFTER I LOST MY HAIR, I TURNED CRIMINAL. OUR PARENTS DISOWNED ME AND FLED FROM **SMALLVILLE**. I NEVER SAW YOU AGAIN."

WHERE WE GOING, DADDY? WHERE IS BROTHER LEX?

ER...LEX WAS KILLED IN A MOUNTAIN-CLIMBING ACCIDENT!

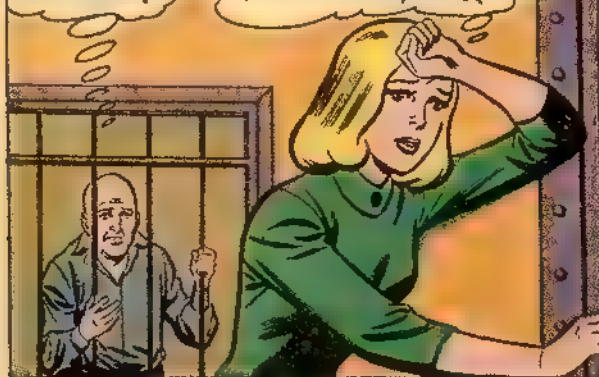
LENA MUST NEVER KNOW HER BROTHER IS A DESPERATE CRIMINAL. WE'LL CHANGE OUR NAME TO **THORUL** AND START A NEW LIFE IN SOME DISTANT TOWN!



AS **LUTHOR** ENDS HIS SHOCKING STORY...

LENA, WAIT! COME BACK! OH, WHY DID I EVER TELL HER?

CHOKE!! ME... THE SISTER OF THE INFAMOUS **LUTHOR**! I'M DISGRACED FOREVER! I'LL NEVER BE ALLOWED IN THE F.B.I. NOW! SOB!!



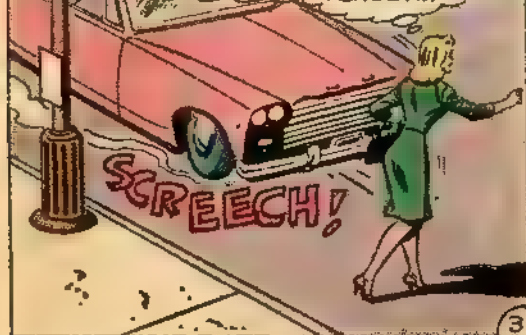
NUMBED, LENA CHECKS **LUTHOR'S** RECORD...

HE'S GUILTY OF EVERY CRIME IN THE BOOK! AND HE'S MY BROTHER! HOW CAN I FACE MY FRIEND, **SUPERCILL**, AGAIN?



DAZED, LENA LEAVES THE PRISON AND WANDERS THROUGH THE CITY...

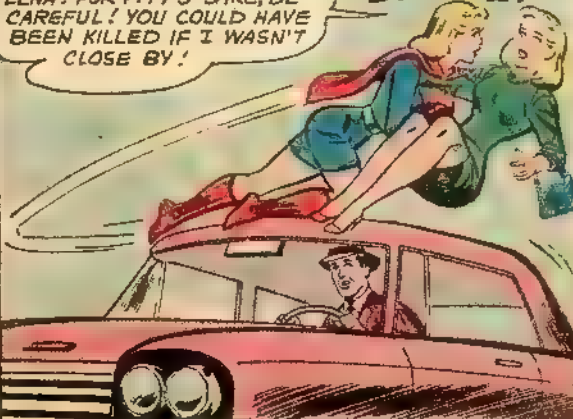
I CAN'T STAND IT! I SEE MY BROTHER'S EVIL FACE LEERING AT ME EVERYWHERE I GO! IF ONLY I COULD FORGET... FORGET...



THEN, IN HER CONFUSED STATE, A FRIGHTENING BRUSH WITH DEATH...

LENA! FOR PITY'S SAKE, BE CAREFUL! YOU COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED IF I WASN'T CLOSE BY!

EEEEEE!





ACTION COMICS



BUT THE APOD SMOCK OF THE NEAR ACCIDENT HAS A STARTLING EFFECT ON LENA ...

YOU SEEM TO KNOW MY NAME ! BUT I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOU. MISS ! WHO ARE YOU AND HOW IS IT THAT YOU CAN FLY ?

GOOD GRIEF ! SHE DOESN'T KNOW ME ! SHE'S PROBABLY IN A STATE OF SHOCK ! I'LL TAKE HER TO HER HOME IN MIDVALE !

SOON, IN LENA'S HOUSE ...

BUT WHOEVER YOU ARE, THANKS FOR SAVING MY LIFE !

REST UP DEAR ! YOU HAD A NARROW ESCAPE ! I'LL BE BACK TO SEE YOU LATER !

SHE SEEMS TO BE SUFFERING A MILD AMNESIA ! SHE'LL GET OVER IT SOON, I'M SURE !

BUT SOON AFTERWARD, LENA TURNS UP AT AN AIRPORT, AND ...

I WANT A PLANE TICKET... TO ANYWHERE... AS FAR AWAY AS THAT MONEY WILL TAKE ME...

"I'VE COUNTED YOUR MONEY, MISS ! IT'LL TAKE YOU TO TURUMBIA, IN TROPICAL AFRICA !

MUST LEAVE... DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I'VE GOT TO GET FAR AWAY."

TICKETS

AFRICA AIRLINES

THEN ...

YOU'LL BE FLYING WITH THAT MOVIE TROUPE, MISS ! THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE A FILM IN THE AFRICAN JUNGLE

AFRICA... THAT'S THE PLACE ! NO ONE WILL KNOW ME THERE ! I'LL FORGET ! BUT WHAT IS IT ? MUST FORGET ?

AFTER THE TRANSCATANTIC JOURNEY, LENA ARRIVES AT THE AFRICAN AIRPORT ...

THE JUNGLE ! YES, I CAN LOSE MYSELF HERE. NO ONE WILL EVER FIND ME !

POOR LENA ! IN HER CONFUSED STATE SHE HAS PICKED UP THE WRONG SUITCASE, BUT NOW, AS SHE WANDERS OFF ...

HOW BEAUTIFUL IT IS HERE ! HOW PEACEFUL ! I KNOW I CAN FORGET MY TROUBLES HERE ! ALREADY I REMEMBER THEM ONLY VAGUELY.

SUPERB PRODUCTIONS HOLLYWOOD



ACTION COMICS



LATER, SHE LIES DOWN TO SLEEP, BUT A TROPICAL DOWN-POUR AWAKENS HER...

I'M WET THROUGH TO THE SKIN! PERHAPS THERE ARE DRY CLOTHES IN HERE!

BUT AFTER TAKING SHELTER, LENA FINDS ONLY A ZEBRA SKIN COSTUME MEANT TO BE WORN IN A JUNGLE FILM...

THESE MUST BE MINE! BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER! I'LL SEARCH FOR FOOD AS SOON AS IT STOPS RAINING!

AS THE STORM ENDS, LENA HEADS DOWN A JUNGLE TRAIL, WHERE...

A LION! HE'S CHARGING RIGHT TOWARD ME!

INSTINCTIVELY, LENA USES HER E.S.P. POWER...

NO! DON'T ATTACK! I MEAN NO HARM! I AM YOUR FRIEND... UNDERSTAND?

GRROWR

AS THE TELEPATHIC MESSAGE GETS THROUGH TO THE KING OF BEASTS...

HE'S LETTING ME PET HIM! HE UNDERSTANDS I WANT HIM FOR A FRIEND!

PURRRR

LATER, AS LENA MEETS THE OTHER JUNGLE CREATURES...

NO! DON'T CHARGE! I AM HUNGRY! I WILL TELL THEM TO BRING ME FOOD!

GROWRR

RR!

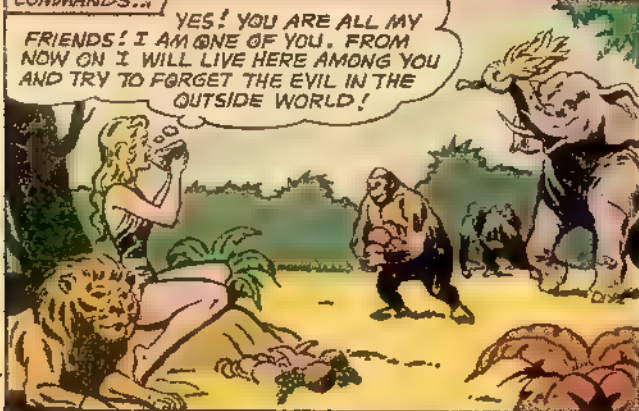


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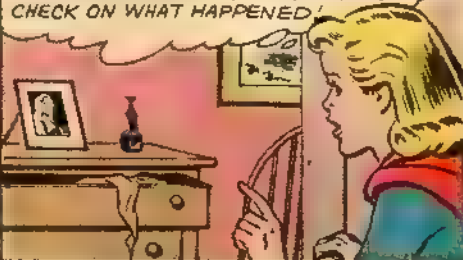
AND AMAZINGLY, ALL THE BEASTS OBEY HER MENTAL COMMANDS...

YES! YOU ARE ALL MY FRIENDS! I AM ONE OF YOU. FROM NOW ON I WILL LIVE HERE AMONG YOU AND TRY TO FORGET THE EVIL IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD!



MEANWHILE, IN DISTANT MIDVALE, SUPERGIRL IS VISITING LENA'S HOME...

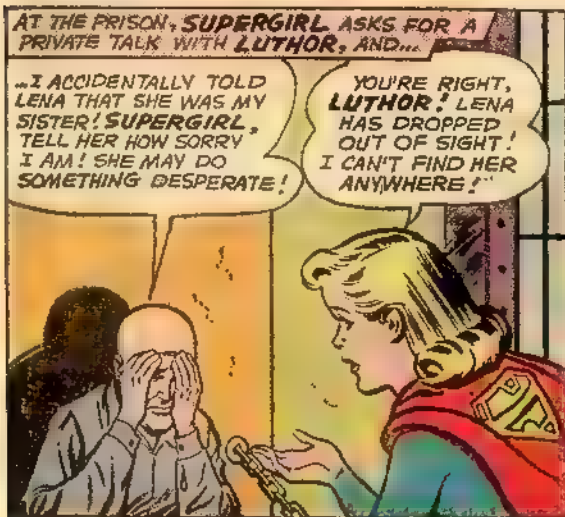
ODD! LENA IS GONE! FROM ALL SIGNS, SHE LEFT IN A HURRY, BUT WHERE TO? SHE'S BEEN ACTING STRANGELY EVER SINCE THAT NEAR ACCIDENT. HMM! SHE VISITED LUTHOR JUST BEFORE THAT! I'D BETTER CHECK ON WHAT HAPPENED!



AT THE PRISON, SUPERGIRL ASKS FOR A PRIVATE TALK WITH LUTHOR, AND...

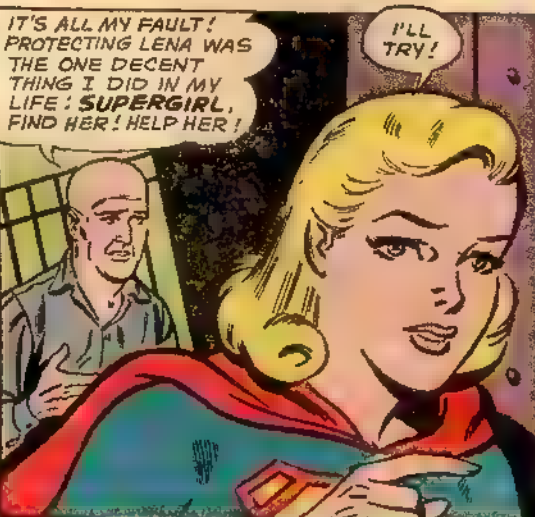
I ACCIDENTALLY TOLD LENA THAT SHE WAS MY SISTER! SUPERGIRL, TELL HER HOW SORRY I AM! SHE MAY DO SOMETHING DESPERATE!

YOU'RE RIGHT, LUTHOR! LENA HAS DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT! I CAN'T FIND HER ANYWHERE!



IT'S ALL MY FAULT! PROTECTING LENA WAS THE ONE DECENT THING I DID IN MY LIFE! SUPERGIRL, FIND HER! HELP HER!

I'LL TRY!

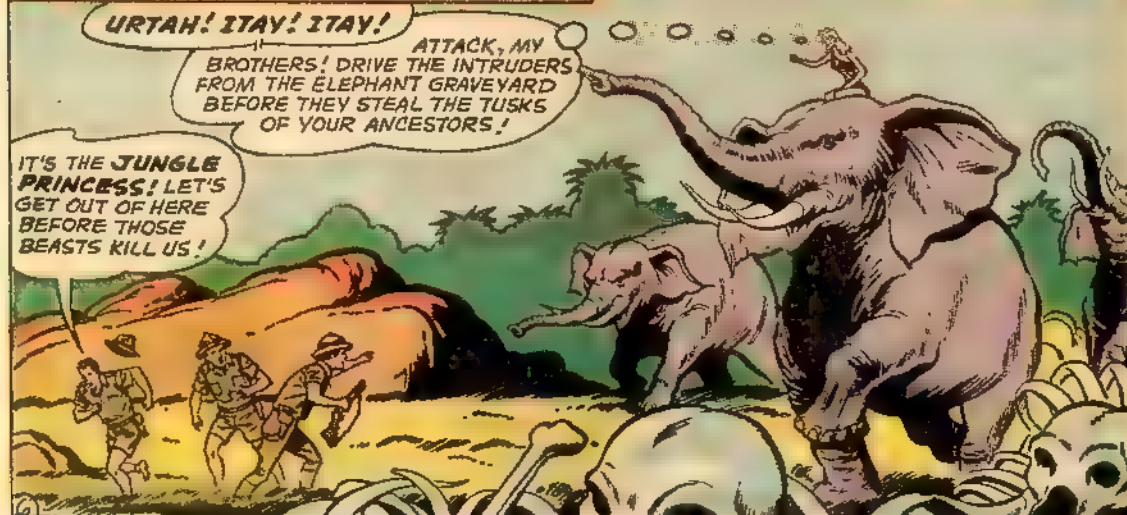


IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOW, NATIVE RUMORS WHISPER ABOUT A MYSTERIOUS JUNGLE PRINCESS, WHO RULES THE BEASTS OF HER SAVAGE DOMAIN...

URTAH! ITAY! ITAY!

ATTACK, MY BROTHERS! DRIVE THE INTRUDERS FROM THE ELEPHANT GRAVEYARD BEFORE THEY STEAL THE TUSKS OF YOUR ANCESTORS!

IT'S THE JUNGLE PRINCESS! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THOSE BEASTS KILL US!





ACTION COMICS



LENA BECOMES THE SCOURGE OF LAW-BREAKERS...

YURTEN! OVERTURN THE CANOE! THE EVIL ONES WISH TO TRAP OUR JUNGLE BROTHERS!

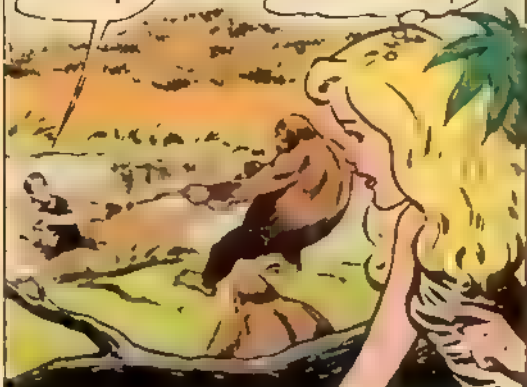
POACHERS BUT THE JUNGLE PRINCESS IS ORDERING THOSE CROCODILES TO DUMP THEM IN THE RIVER. WE'LL NAB THEM WHEN THEY COME ASHORE!



THEN, ONE DAY, AT THE EDGE OF A POOL OF QUICKSAND...

KABRAY! PULL HIM OUT WITH THAT JUNGLE VINE OR HE WILL DIE!

HELP, I'M SINKING! GET ME OUT OF HERE.



LATER, AS THE RESCUED MAN RETURNS TO HIS CAMP...

I TELL YOU, BURTON, I WAS GOING DOWN IN THAT QUICKSAND WHEN THE JUNGLE PRINCESS SOMEHOW DIRECTED A GORILLA TO SAVE ME!

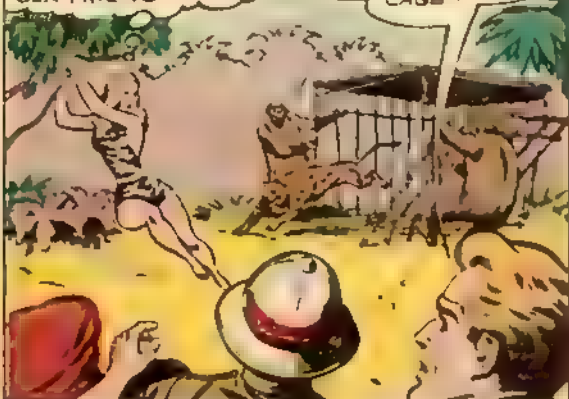
BAH! THAT JUNGLE PRINCESS IS JUST A SILLY LEGEND! COME ON, HELP ME MOVE THIS LEOPARD WE JUST CAPTURED!



BUT INSTANTS LATER

YURTAH! ITAY! ATTACK, MY BROTHERS! FREE OUR FRIEND!

THE JUNGLE PRINCESS! SHE'S ORDERING THESE GORILLAS TO SMASH THE LEOPARD'S CAGE!



AS THE HUNTERS FRIGHTEN OFF THE GORILLAS WITH THEIR RIFLES...

THE SHOT SCARED THEM AWAY!

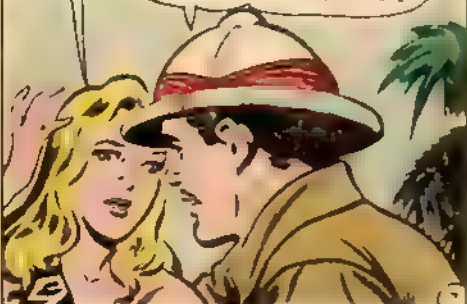
GOOD GRIEF! YOUR BULLET HIT THE GIRL!



BUT THE BULLET HAS ONLY CREASED LENA, AND AS SHE COMES TO...

WHERE AM I? WHAT HAPPENED?

YOU WERE LEADING A BAND OF JUNGLE BEASTS, WHEN YOU WERE ACCIDENTALLY STRUCK BY THE RIFLE BULLET! I'M SORRY, JUNGLE PRINCESS!



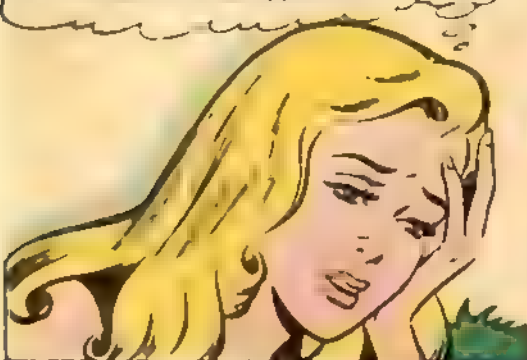


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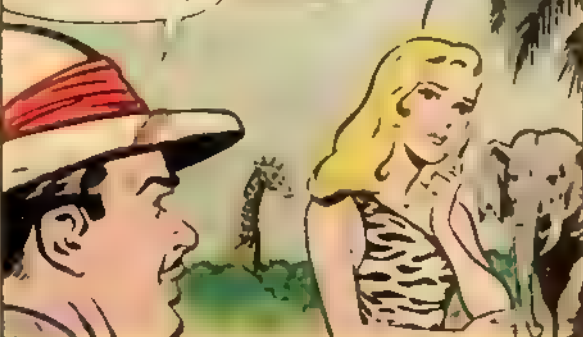
BUT THE SHOCK OF THE BULLET HAS SHATTERED HER MENTAL FOG...

WAT! IT ALL COMES BACK TO ME NOW! I'M LUTHOR'S SISTER! WHEN I DISCOVERED MY BROTHER WAS THE WORLD'S MOST CRIMINAL, I HAD A MENTAL BLACK-OUT AND FLED HERE TO THE JUNGLE!



LISTEN, PRINCESS! I SAW YOU CONTROL THOSE ANIMALS WITH YOUR COMMANDS. I'LL PAY YOU \$1,000 TO RETURN TO CIVILIZATION AND PERFORM THOSE TRICKS IN METROPOLIS ARENA! IT'LL BE THE GREATEST ACT IN HISTORY!

HMM... IT'S AN INTERESTING OFFER... I'M TIRED OF JUNGLE LIFE



ALL RIGHT! I'LL RETURN TO METROPOLIS WITH YOU!

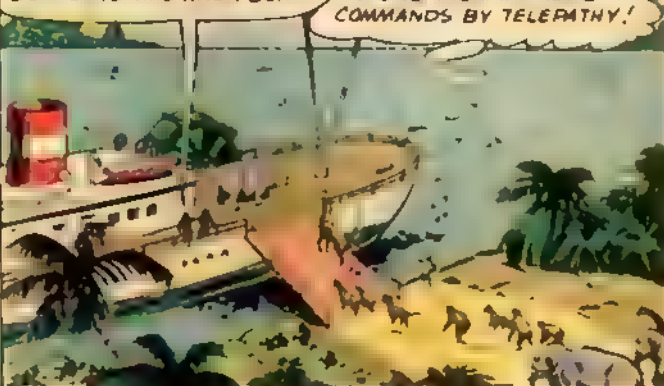
MY SECRET WILL TORMENT ME, NO MATTER WHERE I GO, BUT IN THIS COSTUME, WITH MY LONG HAIR TO ONE WILL REMEMBER ME AS LENA LUTHOR! I'LL BE ABLE TO ESCAPE THE STIGMA OF BEING IDENTIFIED AS LUTHOR'S SISTER!



SOON, AS THE LONG JOURNEY TO CIVILIZATION BEGINS...

FANTASTIC! THE MOST SAVAGE BEASTS OF THE JUNGLE ARE FOLLOWING HER ORDERS AND BOARDING THIS RIVER BOAT!

YAGU' HAH! I ONLY USE JUNGLE LANGUAGE TO ENCOURAGE THEM. ACTUALLY I GIVE THEM MY REAL COMMANDS BY TELEPATHY!



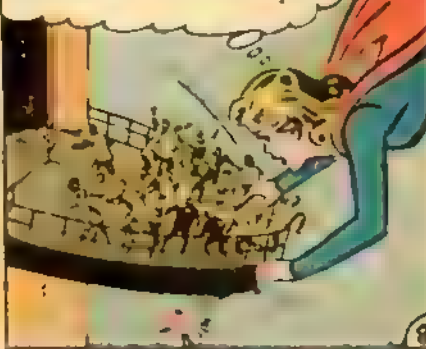
WEEKS LATER, LENA AND HER FRIENDS ARRIVE AT METROPOLIS AIRPORT...

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE TURNED OUT TO SEE ME! BUT WHAT WOULD THEY SAY IF THEY KNEW THE EXOTIC JUNGLE PRINCESS IS THE SISTER OF LEX LUTHOR, THE WORLD'S MOST EVIL CRIMINAL SCIENTIST?



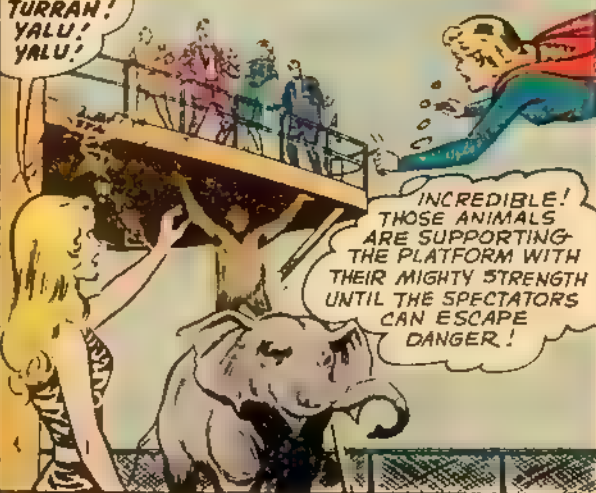
EVEN SUPERGIRL IS ON THE SCENE, ALERT FOR POSSIBLE TROUBLE, SUDDENLY.

THAT OBSERVATION DECK IS OVERLOADED WITH SPECTATORS! IT'S GOING TO COLLAPSE! I'D BETTER ACT FAST!



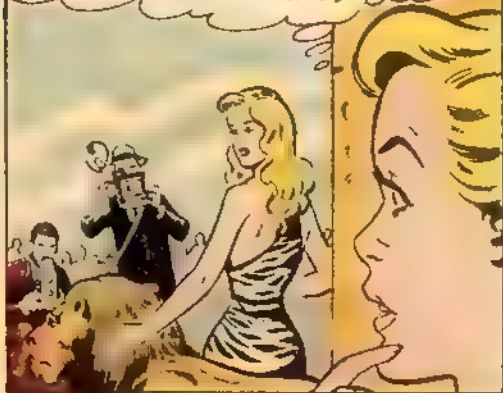
BUT IN THE NEXT INSTANT, THE DISASTER IS AVERTED AS

TURRAH!
YALU!
YALU!



INCREDIBLE!
THOSE ANIMALS
ARE SUPPORTING
THE PLATFORM WITH
THEIR MIGHTY STRENGTH
UNTIL THE SPECTATORS
CAN ESCAPE
DANGER!

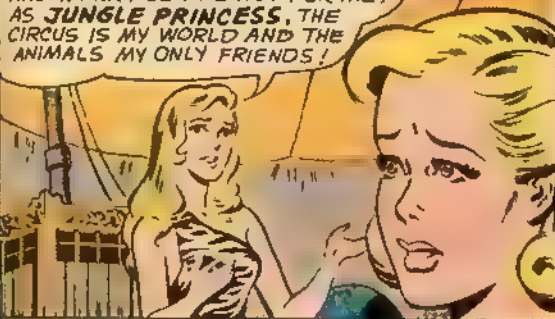
HMM! ONLY THREE BRIEF WORDS, AND THOSE BEASTS PERFORMED A COMPLICATED TASK LIKE THAT. COULD THAT **JUNGLE PRINCESS** HAVE GIVEN HER ORDERS MENTALLY?... WAIT! THERE'S SOMETHING FAMILIAR ABOUT HER! SHE RESEMBLES MY FRIEND, LENA THORUL! I'D BETTER CHECK ON THIS!



THE NEXT DAY, AT REHEARSAL, **SUPERGIRL** CHALLENGES HER FRIEND...

YES, I'M LENA! BUT AS **LEX LUTHOR'S SISTER** I CAN'T LIVE A NORMAL LIFE. FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND MARRIAGE ARE NOT FOR ME! AS **JUNGLE PRINCESS**, THE CIRCUS IS MY WORLD AND THE ANIMALS MY ONLY FRIENDS!

I... I'M
SORRY,
LENA!



LATER, **SUPERGIRL** VISITS **LUTHOR** WITH THE NEWS...

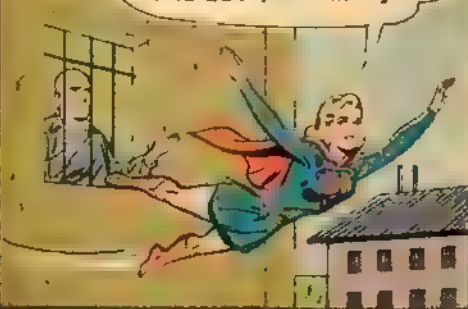
...AND BECAUSE OF ME, POOR LENA HAS CUT HERSELF OFF FROM THE WORLD! GROAN!! I RUINED HER LIFE!

YOU TRIED TO PROTECT HER FOR YEARS, **LUTHOR**! BAD AS YOU ARE, I'LL GIVE YOU CREDIT FOR THAT!



SUPERGIRL! GRIEF WILL DRIVE ME MAD UNLESS I BURY MYSELF IN MY WORK! BUT I NEED TWO RARE ELEMENTS FOR MY PLANT EXPERIMENTS... **VITAGRON** AND **ENERGITE**. CAN YOU HELP ME?

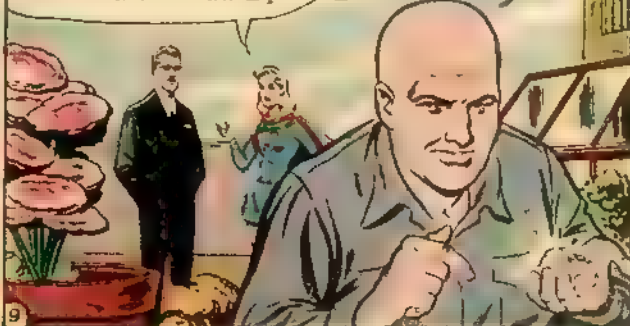
THEY'RE FOUND ONLY ON A DISTANT PLANET, BUT I'LL GET YOU SOME.



AFTER A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH SPACE, **SUPERGIRL** RETURNS...

THOSE MINERALS ARE HARMLESS, WARDEN! AN EXAMINATION WITH MY MICROSCOPIC VISION REVEALS THAT THEY WON'T DISSOLVE METAL OR CONCRETE, SO **LUTHOR** CAN'T USE THEM TO ESCAPE!

THAT'S
WHAT SHE
THINKS!





ACTION COMICS



THAT EVENING, **SUPERGIRL** ATTENDS THE JUNGLE PRINCESS' DEBUT IN HER LINDA DANVERS IDENTITY...

FANTASTIC! THOUGH WILD ANIMALS DREAD FIRE, LENA'S E.S.P. POWERS CAN COAX THEM TO LEAP THROUGH THE FLAMING RING!



BUT EVEN IN THE MIDST OF THE PERFORMANCE LENA IS HAUNTED BY SECRET FEARS...

GUARDS AND POLICE...ALL OVER THE ARENA! THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE WATCHING THE ANIMALS! BUT MAYBE THEY'RE HERE TO WATCH ME! PERHAPS THEY KNOW WHO I AM! CHOKES!



SUDDENLY LENA IS GRIPPED BY A NIGHTMARE OF IMAGINED GUILT...

THAT'S HER, **LUTHOR'S** SISTER!

YOU'RE HIS FLESH AND BLOOD...YOU'RE AS EVIL AS HE IS!



AS LINDA WATCHES FROM THE STANDS...

NO! NO, I CAN'T GO ON! I CAN'T FACE IT ANYMORE!

UH, OH! IT'S TIME FOR THE SECOND ACT, BUT LENA IS RUNNING TOWARD THE DRESSING ROOM! I'LL SWITCH TO **SUPERGIRL** AND SEE WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!



CHANGING HER IDENTITY, **SUPERGIRL** HURRIES BACKSTAGE...

SUPERGIRL, I JUST COULDN'T CONTINUE! EVERYONE'S EYES WERE WATCHING ME AS IF THEY KNEW MY TERRIBLE SECRET! PLEASE, COULD YOU TAKE MY PLACE IN THE ACT?

OF COURSE! I'LL DO IT FOR THE SAKE OF OUR OLD FRIENDSHIP!



HERE, THIS PROGRAM WILL EXPLAIN WHAT ACT COMES NEXT, AND HERE'S A SPARE COSTUME YOU CAN WEAR!

SINCE I RESEMBLE YOU SO STRONGLY, NO ONE WILL BE AWARE OF THE SWITCH!



MEANWHILE, IN THE ROOFTOP GARDEN OF METROPOLIS PRISON...

I SLIPPED AWAY WHEN THE REST OF THE CON'S MARCHED TO SUPPER. NOW TO PUT MY ESCAPE PLAN INTO OPERATION!... SUPERGIRL DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT THOSE MINERALS SHE BROUGHT ME MAKE A POWERFUL PLANT HORMONE WHEN DISSOLVED IN WATER!



THEN, WEIRDLY...

MY CALCULATIONS WERE CORRECT! THE HORMONE IS CAUSING THAT VINE TO GROW A DOZEN FEET A MINUTE! WHILE I WAIT FOR THE PLANT TO REACH THE GROUND, I'LL PICK SOME OF THESE FLOWERS! BUT FIRST I'LL MASK MYSELF TO KEEP FROM INHALING THEIR SCENT!



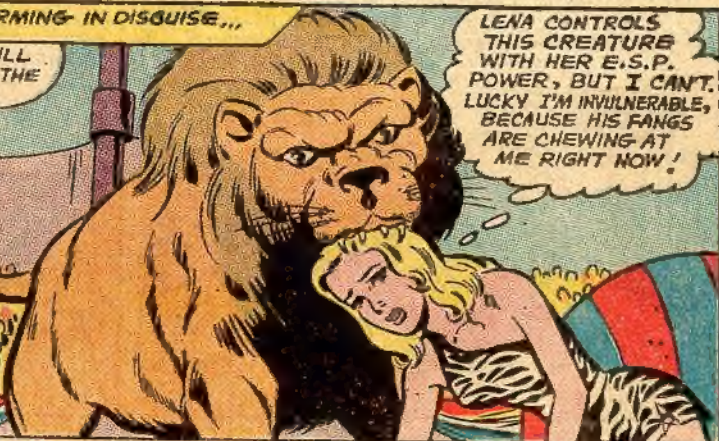
MOMENTS LATER, LUTHOR CLIMBS DOWN THE STEEP WALL OF METROPOLIS PRISON...

I ALWAYS BOASTED NO PRISON COULD HOLD ME! THESE MUTANT FLOWERS I GREW WILL HELP ME ACCOMPLISH THE TASK I MUST PERFORM!



MEANWHILE, SUPERGIRL IS PERFORMING IN DISGUISE...

AND NOW THE JUNGLE PRINCESS WILL PUT HER HEAD INSIDE THE MAW OF THE KING OF BEASTS!



LENA CONTROLS THIS CREATURE WITH HER E.S.P. POWER, BUT I CAN'T. LUCKY I'M INVULNERABLE, BECAUSE HIS FANGS ARE CHEWING AT ME RIGHT NOW!

THEN, THE CLIMAX!

UNBELIEVABLE! THAT ELEPHANT COULD CRUSH HER! BUT AT HER COMMAND, HE HOLDS HIS FOOT A SLIGHT DISTANCE OVER HER BODY!

GULP!! THEY DON'T REALIZE THAT BEAST IS RESTING HIS ENORMOUS WEIGHT RIGHT ON ME. ONLY MY INVULNERABILITY PREVENTS ME FROM BEING HARMED!



BUT AS SUPERGIRL HURRIES BACKSTAGE AFTER THE ACT...

LENA!! COUGH! COUGH!! I ESCAPED FROM PRISON JUST SO I COULD BRING YOU THESE FLOWERS FOR YOUR DEBUT!! COUGH!! EXCUSE ME, BUT I SEEM TO HAVE A COLD!

YOU MADE A MISTAKE, LUTHOR! I'M SUPERGIRL, DISGUISED IN YOUR SISTER'S COSTUME! YOU'RE COMING BACK TO PRISON WITH ME!



THE SCENT OF THESE FLOWERS IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE A WEIRD EFFECT ON HUMANS, BUT OF COURSE IT CAN'T WORK ON **SUPERGIRL**...

"COUGH!! **SUPERGIRL**, PLEASE LET ME GIVE THESE FLOWERS TO THE REAL LENA BEFORE I GO."

"I CAN LET YOU DO THAT MUCH FOR THE SISTER YOU LOVE!"



AS **LUTHOR** ENTERS THE DRESSING ROOM, **SUPERGIRL** MAKES A LIGHTNING SWITCH...

LENA! THESE ARE FOR YOU! THIS IS THE LAST TIME I'LL BOTHER YOU! YOU MUST FORGET ME!

SNIFF! WHAT A STRANGE ODOR!... YOU MAY MEAN WELL, LEX, BUT PLEASE GO! I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!



AS **SUPERGIRL** RETURNS **LUTHOR** TO PRISON...

MY MISSION WAS ACCOMPLISHED, **SUPERGIRL**. THOSE FLOWERS WERE A MUTANT OF THE ANCIENT LOTUS... A VARIETY WHOSE ODOR CAUSES ONE TO FORGET ALL UNPLEASANT MEMORIES PERMANENTLY!

THEN THOSE BLOOMS WILL ERASE LENA'S RECOLLECTIONS ABOUT BEING YOUR SISTER!



AND WHEN **SUPERGIRL** RETURNS TO THE ARENA...

SUPERGIRL, SOMETHING STRANGE IS GOING ON HERE! I BROUGHT THE **JUNGLE PRINCESS** FROM AFRICA TO PERFORM HERE IN THE ARENA. BUT AFTER HER FIRST SHOW, SHE INFORMED ME THAT SHE'S REALLY YOUR FRIEND, LENA THORUL, AND WALKED OUT ON ME!

OH-OH! THEN **LUTHOR'S** FLOWERS REALLY WORKED!



LATER, IN LENA'S APARTMENT...

THE LAST THING I RECALL WAS INTERVIEWING **LUTHOR**. WHEN I AWOKE I WAS IN A CIRCUS, DRESSED IN THIS COSTUME. HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THIS, **SUPERGIRL**?

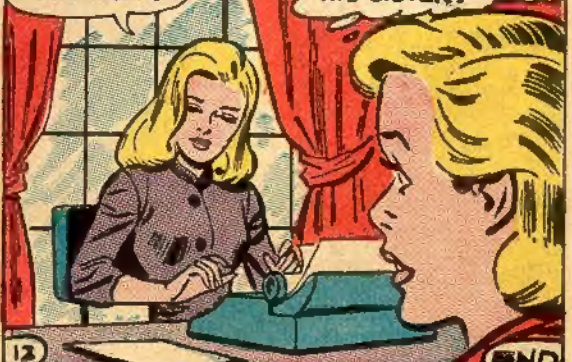
IT MUST HAVE BEEN AMNESIA, LENA!

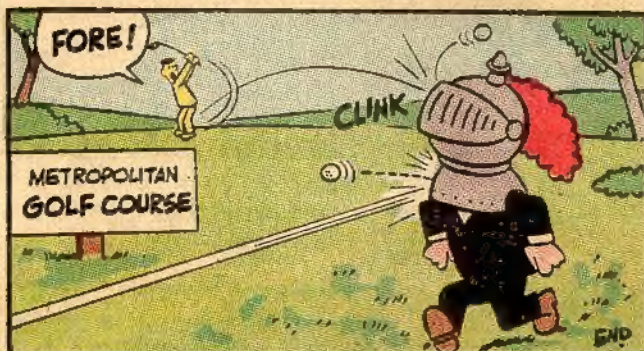
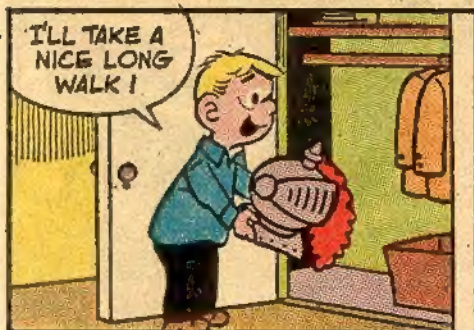
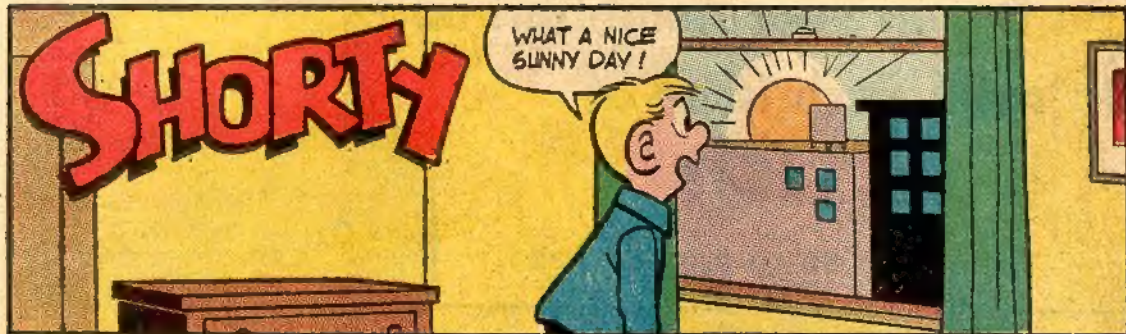
I'LL TELL THE F.B.I. THE REAL STORY!



BY THE WAY, IN MY REPORT TO THE F.B.I. I'M GOING TO RECOMMEND THAT THEY TAKE AWAY **LUTHOR'S** PLANT HOBBY! HE MAY USE IT FOR SOME EVIL PLAN!

HOW IRONIC! IT WAS THAT HOBBY WHICH ENABLED **LUTHOR** TO WIPE AWAY LENA'S UGLY MEMORY OF BEING HIS SISTER!





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